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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

As an initial matter, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for extending the courtesy of an interview to the Applicant's representatives, Linda H. Liu and Gary Ford, on May 2, 2006.

During the interview, proposed claim amendments were discussed in light of the references cited by the Examiner in the office action mailed December 30, 2005. The Examiner and the Applicant's representatives discussed amending the claims to further distinguish from the art of record. By this paper, the Applicant has amended Claim 15 to include the amendments discussed with the Examiner and are now requesting reconsideration of the above-captioned application in light of the amended Claim 15 and the remarks contained herein.

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REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 7-8, 14-15, and 17-18 remain pending in the present application, Claims 7-8 and 14-15 have been amended and Claims 1-6, 9-13, 16, and 19-24 are canceled. In view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Election/Restrictions

Pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby affirms the election of Claims 1-18 and cancels Claims 19-24. However, the Applicant reserves the right to prosecute Claims 19-24 at a future date.

Claims Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102 and 103

Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 62243725 (abstract) or JP 62054046 (abstract). Claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over JP 62243725 (abstract). Claims 1, 4-8, and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over JP 62054046 (abstract).

As discussed in the Interview, the Applicant has amended Claim 15 to include the limitations of Germanium and Silicon as essential elements. The Applicant has also amended Claim 15 to change the term *comprising about* to *consisting essentially of*. Additionally, the Applicant has also amended Claims 7-8, 14, and 17-18 so that the remaining claims all depend from Claim 15.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved through a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.


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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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